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MEETING

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1598; (B) EC BRUSSELS 1448;
(C) EC BRUSSELS 1685; (D) EC A-56.

1. SUMMARY. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AGRICULTURAL)
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MET IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 26-27 AND HAD A FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE COMMISSION'S 1973/74 CAP PRICE PROPOSALS (REF A). THE MEMBER STATE GENERALLY EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THESE PROPOSAL, THUS SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE TWO-DAY MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG ON APRIL 9-10 AND A LIKELY MARATHON SESSION BEGINNING APRIL 16 IN LUXEMBOURG. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A REGULATION POSTPONING FROM APRIL 1 TO JULY 1 THE DATE AT WHICH QUALITY CERTIFICATES FOR IMPORTED TABLE WINES WILL BE REQUIRED. IT ALSO EXTENDED BY ONE MONTH, TO THE END OF APRIL, THE 1972/73 BEEF AND DAIRY SEASONS AND THE SUSPENSION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND ACCREBE DIVIDED UP. ON CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, ITALY REPORTEDLY REJECTED MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES AND, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, SUGGESTED PROCESSING SUBSIDIES. THIS SUGGESTION FOR SUBSIDIES, HOWEVER, WAS NOT FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY OTHER MEMBER STATES. THE COUNCIL WILL AGAIN TAKE UP THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS CONCERNING ALCOHOL AND CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN MAY.

10. THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON BEEF PREMIUMS AND ON AIDS TO HILL FARMERS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED BUT WITHOUT RESULT. THESE ISSUES WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN IN APRIL. REPORTEDLY, SHARP DIFFERENCES AROSE BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND BRITISH OVER THE HILL FARMING ISSUE. CHIRAC SAID THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL WAS CALCULATED TO HELP ONLY BRITISH (I. E., SCOTTISH) FARMERS AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FRENCH INTERESTS.

11. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A REGULATION SUSPENDING UNTIL JUNE 1, 1973, CUSTOMS DUTIES FOR OLD CROP POTATOES. IT ALSO ADOPTED A REGULATION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE ON THE BASIS OF NEW DIRECTIVES IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS ON AN INTERNATIONAL BUTTER OIL AGREEMENT.

12. IN OTHER ACTIONS, THE COUNCIL: (A) ADOPTED A SERIES OF DECISIONS CONCERNING EQUIVALENCE OF SEEDS AND FIELD INSPECTION OF SEEDS IN THE NEW MEMBER STATES AND IN THIRD COUNTRIES; (B) RENEWED FOR THE 1973/74 SEASON THE SUBSIDY OF 30 U. A. GRANTED IN 1972/73 PER BOX OF SILKWORM EGGS; AND (C) ADOPTED A REGULATION CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF AIDS BY THE MEMBER STATES TO HOPS PRODUCER GROUPS.
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13. THE COUNCIL ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE OECD MINISTERIAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11, AND WHETHER THE COMMUNITY SHOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT SINCE THE OECD IS A CONSULTATIVE BODY, THE MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THE ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE MINISTERIAL.
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6. SINCE THE 1973/74 PRICES WILL NOT BE FIXED AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL, THE COUNCIL EXTENDED BY ONE MONTH, TO THE END OF APRIL, THE 1972/73 PRICES FOR DIARY PRODUCTS AND BEEF.

7. ON THE QUESTION OF WINE, THE COUNCIL FORMALLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE FROM APRIL 1 TO JULY 1 THE DATE AT WHICH QUALITY CERTIFICATES FOR IMPORTED TABLE WINES WILL BE REQUIRED (SEE REFS B AND C).

8. THE SUSPENSION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES, LEVIES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCESSION COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS FOR BEEF AND VEAL, SCHEDULED TO END ON APRIL 1 (REF D) WAS EXTENDED BY THE COUNCIL TO APRIL 29.

9. THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS CONCERNING A CAP FOR ALCOHOL AND MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WERE DISCUSSED AND THEN REFERRED BACK TO THE SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY. THE DISCUSSIONS ON ALCOHOL REPORTEDLY REVOLVED AROUND THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND HOW THE MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND SYNTHETIC ALCOHOL SHOULD FIT CHARTERS BETWEEN THE US

AND THE FRG (AND VICE VERSA). WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE POINT THAT THIS POLICY WAS A DIFFERENT MATTER FROM CHARTERWORTHINESS, AND NOT AFFECTED BY THE MOU.

4. ON THE COMMINGLING OF ABC' S AND TGC' S, WE REITERATED THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ADVANCE CHARTER CONCEPT, AND POINTED OUT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH ABC RULES PROHIBITING COMINGLING. WE BELIEVE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN CONVINCING THEM THEY SHOULD ACCEPT ABC/ TGC COMMINGLING.

5. ON BOTH COMMINGLING ISSUES THE FRG REPS SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT FURTHER WITHIN THE FMT (PRESUMABLY WITH DR. REHM) AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 29. THEY WILL ALSO GIVE US A REDRAFT OF THE LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY REHM FOR THE MINISTRY, WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH A PROPOSED REPLY WHICH WE SUGGEST BE SIGNED BY THE EMBASSY' S COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.
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